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SUMMARY AND ASSESSMENT

1. AS WAS CASE IN PREVIOUS ROUND, TALKS WERE CORDIAL AND BUSINESSLIKE WITH MINIMUM OF SOVIET POSTURING. SOVIETS ARE ANXIOUS TO PROCEED WITH ELABORATION OF JOINT INITIATIVE AND MADE CLEAR THAT TECHNICAL STAGE HAD PASSED AND WHAT WAS NOW NEEDED ARE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS AND DECISIONS. SOVIET AMBASSADOR CONTENTED THAT HE ALREADY HAD INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.

2. SOVIETS YIELDED NOTHING OF THEIR POSITION THAT VERIFICATION MUST BE BY NATIONAL MEANS BUT THIS WAS TO BE EXPECTED GIVEN US UNREADINESS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATION OF JOINT INITIATIVE. THE VERIFICATION PAPERS THEY HANDED OVER APPEAR TO CONTAIN LITTLE NEW OTHER THAN SOME TECHNICAL DETAILS RELATED TO SATELLITE-SENSING AND A SUGGESTION FOR A METHOD OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS FOR USE IN VERIFICATION OF AMOUNT AND QUANTITY OF CW AGENT DESTROYED. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES IN US AND SOVIET VIEWS ON VERIFICATION AND EXPLICITLY STATED THAT RE-
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SOLUTION OF THESE DIFFERENCES REQUIRED POLITICAL DECISIONS IN CONTEXT OF NEGOTIATION OF TEXT OF AGREEMENT.

3. ALTHOUGH IN DISCUSSIONS OF SCOPE OF PROHIBITION SOVIETS CONTINUALLY REFERRED BACK TO 1974 SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE'S "MOST DANGEROUS LETHAL" FORMULATION, THIS IS PROBABLY RELATED TO THEIR INTERNAL CLEARANCE PRO-

CEDURES SINCE IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY WILL AGREE TO INCLUSION OF ALL LETHALS AS WELL AS INCAPACITANTS. INDEED, THEIR DECLARATORY POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE BAN WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM NOT TO DO SO. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE SCOPE OF AGENTS COVERED WILL BE SERIOUS PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS. (COMMENT: THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SOME PRESSURES IN THE CCD FOR PROHIBITION OF HERBICIDES AND RIOT-CONTROL AGENTS).

4. A MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ALSO APPEARS POSSIBLE WITH REGARD TO WHAT US DESCRIBES AS CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND SOVIETS REGARD AS ELEMENTS OF OVERALL NATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID SUBSTANCE NOT TERMINOLOGY MATTERED; US PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS IS CLEARLY NON-STARTER IN CONTEXT OF JOINT INITIATIVE, AS ITS RELATIONSHIP TO SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION IS OBVIOUS TO SOVIETS.

5. AS TO FORM JOINT INITIATIVE WOULD TAKE, SOVIETS CLEARLY PREFER AS MUCH DETAILED TREATY LANGUAGE AS POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH THEY PROBABLY, IN THE END, WOULD NOT INSIST ON ENTIRE DRAFT TREATY.SORENSEN

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